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1 [Simultaneous shield insertion and net ordering under explicit RLC noise constraint](#)



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For multiple coupled RLC nets, we formulate the min-area simultaneous shield insertion and net ordering SINO/NB- $\& ngr$  problem to satisfy the given noise bound. We develop an efficient and conservative model to compute the peak noise, and apply the noise model to a simulated-annealing (SA) based algorithm for the SINO/NB- $\& ngr$  problem. Extensive and accurate experiments show that the SA-based algorithm is efficient, and always achieves solutions satisfying the given noise bound. It uses up t ...

2 [Efficient crosstalk noise modeling using aggressor and tree reductions](#)



Li Ding, David Blaauw, Pinaki Mazumder

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This paper describes a fast method to estimate crosstalk noise in the presence of multiple aggressor nets for use in physical design automation tools. Since noise estimation is often part of the innerloop of optimization algorithms, very efficient closed-form solutions are needed. Previous approaches have typically used simple lumped 3--4 node circuit templates. One aggressor net is modeled at a time assuming that the coupling capacitances to all quiet aggressor nets are grounded. They also mode ...

3 [Simultaneous shield insertion and net ordering for capacitive and inductive coupling minimization](#)



Kevin M. Lepak, Min Xu, Jun Chen, Lei He

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In this article, we first show that existing net ordering formulations to minimize noise are no longer sufficient with the presence of inductive noise, and shield insertion is needed to minimize inductive noise. Using a  $K_{eff}$  model as the figure of merit for inductive coupling, we then formulate two simultaneous shield insertion and net ordering (SINO) problems: the optimal SINO/NF problem to find a minimal area SINO solution that is free of capacitive and inductive noise ...

**Keywords:** VLSI physical design automation, and on-chip inductance, net ordering, noise minimization, shielding, signal integrity

#### 4 Signal and power delivery integrity: Top-k aggressors sets in delay noise analysis



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We present, in this paper, novel algorithms to compute the set of "top-k" aggressors in a design. We show that the computation of the set of top-k aggressors is non-trivial, since we must consider all permutations of aggressors that are coupled to a critical path. Also, different sets of aggressors contribute different amounts of noise to each critical path and a brute-force enumeration to obtain the set of top-k aggressors has impractical runtime. Our proposed approach u ...

**Keywords:** crosstalk, delay noise, static timing analysis

#### 5 Test generation for diagnosis, scan testing and advanced memory fault models: Interactive presentation: Automatic test pattern generation for maximal circuit noise in multiple aggressor crosstalk faults



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Decreasing process geometries and increasing operating frequencies have made VLSI circuits more susceptible to signal integrity related failures. Capacitive crosstalk is one of the causes of such kind of failures. Crosstalk fault results from switching of neighboring lines that are capacitively coupled. Long nets are more susceptible to crosstalk faults because they tend to have a higher coupling capacitance to overall capacitance ratio. A typical long net has multiple aggressors. In generati ...

#### 6 ClariNet: a noise analysis tool for deep submicron design



Rafi Levy, David Blaauw, Gabi Braca, Aurobindo Dasgupta, Amir Grinshpon, Chanlee Oh, Boaz Orshav, Supamas Sirichotiyakul, Vladimir Zolotov  
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Coupled noise analysis has become a critical issue for deep-submicron, high performance design. In this paper, we present, ClariNet, an industrial noise analysis tool, which was developed to efficiently analyze large, high performance processor designs. We present the overall approach and tool flow of ClariNet and discuss three critical large-processor design issues which have received limited discussion in the past. First, we present how the

driver gates of a coupled interconnect network a ...

## 7 Efficient coupled noise estimation for on-chip interconnects

Anirudh Devgan

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Noise analysis and avoidance is an increasingly critical step in deep submicron design. Ever increasing requirements on performance have led to widespread use of dynamic logic circuit families and its other derivatives. These aggressive circuit families trade off noise margin for timing performance making them more susceptible to noise failure and increasing the need for noise analysis. Currently, noise analysis is performed either through circuit or timing simulation or through model order reduction ...

**Keywords:** Elmore delay, circuit simulation, coupled noise estimation, deep submicron design, dynamic logic circuit families, integrated circuit noise, noise analysis, noise criticality pruning, on-chip interconnects, physical design based noise avoidance, timing simulation

## 8 Pessimism reduction in crosstalk noise aware STA

M. Becer, V. Zolotov, R. Panda, A. Grinshpon, I. Algol, R. Levy, C. Oh

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High performance circuits are facing increasingly severe signal integrity problems due to crosstalk noise and crosstalk noise awareness has become an integral part of static timing analysis (STA). Existing crosstalk noise aware STA methods compute noise induced delay uncertainty on a net by net basis and in a pessimistic way, without considering the overlap bounds of the victim and aggressor timing windows and realistic delay impact on early and late signal arrival times. Since crosstalk induced ...

## 9 Using Prediction for Performance Optimization and Estimation: Early probabilistic noise estimation for capacitively coupled interconnects



Murat R Becer, David Blaauw, Ibrahim N. Hajj, Rajendran Panda

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One of the critical challenges in today's high performance IC design is to take noise into account as early as possible in the design cycle. Current noise analysis tools [1, 7] are effective at analyzing and identifying noise in the post-route design stage when detailed parasitic information is available. However, noise problems identified at this stage of design cycle are very difficult to fix due to the limited flexibility in the design and may cause additional iterations of routing and placement ...

**Keywords:** congestion, early noise analysis, global routing



## False-noise analysis using logic implications

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Cross-coupled noise analysis has become a critical concern in today's VLSI designs. Typically, noise analysis makes the assumption that all aggressing nets can simultaneously switch in the same direction. This creates a worst- case noise pulse on the victim net that often leads to false noise violations. In this article we present a new approach that uses logic implications to identify the maximum set of aggressor nets that can inject noise simultaneously under the logic constraints of the circu ...

**Keywords:** VLSI (very large scale integration), circuit logic, noise analysis

## 11 Timing analysis and optimization: Crosstalk analysis using reconvergence correlation



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In the UDSM era, crosstalk is an area of considerable concern for designers, as it can have a considerable impact on the yield, both in terms of functionality and operating frequency. Methods of crosstalk analysis are pessimistic in nature and the effort is ongoing to come up with techniques that make the analysis as realistic as possible. Using information from timing analysis is one such technique where we use data about overlap in switching among nets to identify those that can potentially sw ...

## 12 Session 8D: Timing and noise analysis: False-noise analysis using logic implications

Alexey Glebov, Sergey Gavrilov, David Blaauw, Supamas Sirichotiyakul, Chanhee Oh, Vladimir Zolotov

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Cross-coupled noise analysis has become a critical concern in today's VLSI designs. Typically, noise analysis makes an assumption that all aggressing nets can simultaneously switch in the same direction. This creates a worst-case noise pulse on the victim net that often leads to false noise violations. In this paper, we present a new approach that uses logic implications to identify the maximum set of aggressor nets that can inject noise simultaneously under the logic constraints of the circuit. ...


## 13 Issues in crosstalk: Efficient switching window computation for cross-talk noise



Bhavana Thudi, David Blaauw

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In this paper, we present an efficient method for computing switching windows in the presence of delay noise. In static timing analysis, delay noise has traditionally been modeled using a simple switch-factor based noise model and the computation of switching

windows is performed using an iterative algorithm where timing window propagation and switch factor updates are computed repeatedly until convergence. It was shown that the worst-case number of iterations required for convergence is  $O(n < \dots$

#### 14 Novel design methodologies and signal integrity: Static noise analysis with noise windows



Ken Tseng, Vinod Kariat

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As processing technology scales down to the nanometer regime, capacitive crosstalk is having an increasingly adverse effect on circuit functionality, leading to increasing number of chip failures. In this paper, we propose mapping the static crosstalk functional noise problem into the well understood static timing problem. The key differences between static noise and static timing analyses, namely the injection of noise, accurate noise window propagation and register sensitive window computation ...

**Keywords:** crosstalk, noise, signal integrity

#### 15 Poster Paper Introductions: Crosstalk noise optimization by post-layout transistor sizing



Masanori Hashimoto, Masao Takahashi, Hidetoshi Onodera

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This paper proposes a post-layout transistor sizing method for crosstalk noise reduction. The proposed method downsizes the drivers of the aggressor wires for noise reduction, utilizing the precise interconnect information extracted from the detail-routed layouts. We develop a transistor sizing algorithm for crosstalk noise reduction under delay constraints, and construct a crosstalk noise optimization method utilizing a crosstalk noise estimation method and a transistor sizing framework which a ...

**Keywords:** capacitive coupling noise, crosstalk noise, gate sizing, post-layout optimization, transistor sizing

#### 16 Dynamic Noise Analysis with Capacitive and Inductive Coupling



Seung Hoon Choi, Bipul C. Paul, Kaushik Roy

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In this paper we propose a dynamic noise model to verify functional failures due to crosstalk in high-speed circuits. Conventional DC noise analysis produces pessimistic results because it ignores the fact that a gate acts as a low-pass filter. In contrast, the dynamic noise model considers the temporal property of a noise waveform and analyzes its effect on functionality. In this model, both capacitive and inductive coupling are considered as the dominant source of noise in high-speed deep-subm ...

**Keywords:** crosstalk, noise analysis, capacitance, inductance, noise model, dynamic noise margin, deep submicron

17 An efficient sequential quadratic programming formulation of optimal wire spacing for cross-talk noise avoidance routing



Paul B. Morton, Wayne Dai

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18 Cross-talk noise analysis and management: Crosstalk noise estimation for noise management



Paul B. Morton, Wayne Dai

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One of the main challenges in developing an effective crosstalk noise management strategy is to develop a crosstalk noise estimate which is both accurate and leads to a tractable optimization problem that can be used to optimally redistribute uncommitted routing resources to resolve crosstalk noise violations. Devgan's [4] estimate comes very close to meeting these objectives, however, it is extremely pessimistic for nets with long couplings or aggressor nets with short rise times. The increased ...

**Keywords:** crosstalk, estimation, local approximation, noise, noise management, optimal spacing

19 Routing techniques: Routing of analog busses with parasitic symmetry



Lars Schreiner, Markus Olbrich, Erich Barke, Volker Meyer zu Bexten

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This paper presents a new methodology for routing net bundles like busses and paired nets maintaining parasitic symmetry. It is mainly devoted to analog signal interconnect and can also be used for critical digital busses or clock signals. The PARasitic SYmmetric router (PARSY) is the first router that limits differential capacitances to a user defined value. Wirelength differences inside a net bundle are also equalized automatically. This routing methodology uses a novel module generator approach ...

**Keywords:** EDA, IC-layout, RF, analog routing, bus routing, net bundles, paired nets, routing, virtual terminals

20 Cross-talk noise analysis and management: Variable frequency crosstalk noise analysis: a methodology to guarantee functionality from dc to  $f_{max}$



Byron Krauter, David Widiger

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One means of reducing pessimism in crosstalk analysis is to consider timing orthogonality. While earlier works have addressed the temporal alignment of timing windows [1, 2, 3, 4], these treatments have overlooked one key point. Crosstalk noise failures are frequency dependent. A chip that functions at one frequency can fail due to crosstalk noise at faster and slower frequencies. Moreover, because system developers and manufacturers need chips that operate over a wide range of frequencies, noise ...

**Keywords:** GCD frequency, LCM window, crosstalk, frequency-dependent noise, noise analysis, timing orthogonality, timing windows

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